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TO
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AN INTRODUCTION TO Astrology,

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A New but more easie way,

Shewing the whole method of that learned Art.

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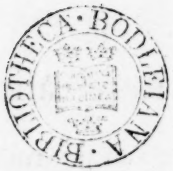
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AN INTRODUCTION TO ASTROLOGY.

IN the first place you must know that there are in the Firmament thirteen millions three-score and five thousand and nineteen Stars; not one more, nor one lesse.

Now of these there be seven which are called *Planets* or *Wanderers*; for that they rove up and down the Skie, and never stand still in a place.

Most of the Astrologers have hitherto named and charactered them in this following manner.

A *Name*,

Name,	*Character,*	*Name,*	*Character,*
Saturn,	♄	Jupiter,	♃
Sol,	☉	Mars,	♂
Venus,	♀	Mercurie	☿
Luna	☽		

Together with the two *Nodes*, the head of the *Dragon*, marked thus ☊. and the tayl of the *Dragon*, marked thus ☋.

But we, not knowing any reaſon we have to obſerve either theſe names or theſe characters, have without any ſcruple of conſcience made bold to change both. For as long as we have Saints of our own, I think it more fitting to make uſe of them, then of the Idols of the Heathen. I wonder Pope *Zachary* that excommunicated *Virgilius* for holding there were *Antipodes*, did not do this before me; I am confident it was becauſe he did not think on't. Though I believe, if he had done it, I ſhould have found out ſomething elſe, and ſo 'tis all one.

Well then, that there are ſeven *Planets* we grant; but that they are nam'd and character'd as they have been hitherto, we do ut-

utterly deny. And I dare verily affirm, that all thoſe that do ſo will have no cauſe to repent it, either in this world, or in the world to come.

The firſt then whoſe name is *Saturn*, we ſhall call St. *James*, and his character is a *Salt Pitchard*.

The ſecond, whoſe name is *Jupiter*, we ſhall call St. *Dennis*, and his character is a pair of *Pantaloon Breeches*.

The third, whoſe name is *Mars*, we ſhall call St. *Taffy*, and his character is three great F F F. *The Hieroglyphic of the three great duties that belong to a Souldier.*

The fourth, which was called *Sol*, we ſhall name St. *George*, and his character is the *red Croſſe*.

The fifth, which is called *Venus*, and ought of right to be St. *Taffy*'s Miſtreſs, is called *Quiſtril*, her mark or character is a round O with a *Prick* in the middle.

The ſixt, ſirnamed *Mercury*, we ſhall call St. *Andrew*, and his character is a *Blew Bonnet*.

The ſeventh, which is called *Luna*, and ought to be St. *Georges* Miſtreſs, we make the King of *Ægypts* daughter, and

her character is, *Puſſe in her Majeſtie.*

Now the two *Nodes*, the head of the Dragon, and the tayl of the Dragon, (for we ſhall not alter the name of the Dragon for St. *George* his ſake) the firſt is St. *George* his Bedchamber, and the latter is the King of *Ægypts* daughters Bedchamber; and therefore when St. *George* comes into her chamber, or that ſhe comes into his, you may ſee in a pail of water how the king of *Ægypts* daughter dances, and throws her ſelf between the earth and her paramour, leſt we ſhould ſee what they are a doing; for they are then moſt properly ſaid to be in *conjunction.*

There are alſo twelve ſignes. The firſt of theſe according to the Ancients is fancied to be a *Ram*; and they will needs have a *Ram* there in honour of the *Golden fleece.* But we with as much probability do fancy it to be a *Catamountain.* Now this *Catamountain* was ſtellify'd ſome fifty year ago for kitning in the Tower, becauſe ſhe was ſo charitable as to provide againſt the extinction of her family.

The ſecond is fancied to be a *Bull*; be-

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cauſe that *Jupiter* chang'd himſelf into a *Bull*, when he carried away *Europa*; but we with as much probability take it to be a Lord *Mayors* horſe with the Trappings on. For the ſtorie goes, that *Heywood* the Citie Poet, being much beholding to one of the *Mayors*, ſtarrify'd his horſe, not being able to perform that honour to the *Mayor* himſelf, by reaſon that no Cuckolds are permitted to go to Heaven.

The third the Poets feign to be *Caſtor* and *Pollux*, the ſons of *Jupiter*, plac'd there by their father, and this Signe they call *Gemini*. Now we ſay they are utterly miſtaken, and that if they would look better, they would finde it to be a *Windmill*, and it was plac't there to grinde the wheat which yearly growes out of *Jupiters* Nurſes horn, otherwiſe called *Cornucopia*.

The next ſigne they make to be a *Crab*, which they ſay was ſtellified for nipping *Phaeton* by the great toe when he fell into *Eridanus*. But *Claudius Dariot*, in his book *Of the judgement of the Stars*, believes it rather to be a *Sea horſe*; to which opinion we are apt to adhere; for what Crab in the world was

ever thirty degrees long? now becauſe there is no man that ever ſaw a Sea-horſe, therefore if any one ſhould tell us that it were ten times as long, and by conſequence fitter for that place, there is no body can contradict him.

The fifth Signe they ſay is a *Lyon*; and this muſt needs be the *Nemæan* Lyon that *Hercules* kill'd. But I ſay 'tis a *Dragon*, and the very Dragon which St. *George* kill'd. I wonder what they have to ſay to the contrary?

The ſixth Signe they call *Virgo*; who was a certain Virgin that fled to Heaven becauſe ſhe was perſecuted here on earth. But I deny this for two reaſons; Firſt, becauſe if ſhe died a Maid ſhe was to lead Apes in Hell, and therefore Heaven was no place for her; and ſecondly, if ſhe were a handſom Maid (as they ſay ſhe was) *I* dare ſay there was no man ſo uncivil as to do her any harm. Therefore *I* rather believe *Collimitius Tranſtetter*, who in his *Aſtronomical Canons*, ſaith, that this Sign plainly reſembleth a *Blew coat Boy*. Now you muſt know that this *Blew coat* was the firſt that ever was in *Chriſt-Church*, and

and was made a Conſtellation, becauſe he was the firſt inventer of *Jackalents.*

The ſeventh Signe they fancy to be like a pair of *Scales*, and call it *Libra*: but *Albubater* ſaith, he lookt and could ſee nothing at all there; and therefore *I* believe the place is left vacant for a certain *Alderman*, who if he ſhould chance to foul himſelf in Heaven as he did on earth, has *Hercules*, King *Pelew*'s Oſtler, there at hand to cleanſe him, as he did the *Augean* ſtable.

The eight Signe they ſay is a *Scorpion.* Truly Reader, it is a very ſtrange thing, that a man ſhould not be able to diſcern a *Scorpion* from a *Gridiron.* For to tell ye the truth, tis a plain *Gridiron*, and that very *Gridiron* that St. *Laurence* was broyled on.

The ninth Sign, they ſay, is a *Centaure*; This was *Neſſus* that clapt *Dejanira*, who gave *Hercules* the Pox, of which he died. A fit fellow indeed to be in Heaven. Let um look therefore a little better, and they'll finde it to be a *Spaniſh Doublet* with hanging ſleeves. This was the Doublet which *Don Quixot* wore in all his adventures. *Albohali* in his book of the *Knowledge of the Stars*,

ſaith, that there is a copy of verſes writ upon it by *Sancha Pancha* in praiſe of *Dulcina del Toboſo*.

The tenth ſigne they ſay is a *Goat*. But let um lock upon it again in a clear night, and they will finde it to be a pair of *Smiths Bellows*. They were the ſame that *Vulcan* us'd, when he made the Armour for *Achilles*.

The next is *Aquarius*, as they ſay, or the *Tankard-bearer*. But all the world knows that *Tankard-bearers* were not ſo antient. I therefore believe *Tychobrahe*, who in his *Aſtronomical Gimcracks* will have it to be a *pair of Tongs*, which is very probable. *I* believe they were the *Tongs* with which Saint *Dunſtan* caught the Devil by the noſe.

The twelfth and laſt ſigne they make to be two *Fiſhes*, which were caught for *Juno*, who being with childe longed for that kind of Dyet. She was very greedy of them, and ſwallowed them down whole: but, being not able to digeſt um, as the ſtory goes, ſhe ſpewd um up again upon this place. But *I* ſay they were neither fiſh nor fleſh, but two *red Herings*, which *Van Trump* carried

to

to heaven with him when he vvas killed, for the honour of his Countriemens fiſhing Trade.

Of the Aſpects of the Planets.

THe Planets regard or look upon one another ſeveral vvayes.

Firſt, you ſhall finde that one Planet looks askevv upon another, and this is called a *Trine Aſpect.*

Sometime one Planet looks upon another as the Devil looked over *Lincoln*, and this is called a *Sextile Aſpect.*

Sometimes they look one upon another as if butter vvould not melt in their mouths, and this is called a *Quartile Aſpect.*

Novv if one Planet look upon another as the Devil looked over *Lincoln*, this *aſpect* is not good.

But if the Planet St. *James* be in the firſt degree of the *Catamountain*, vvhich is the firſt Signe, and any other of the Planets be with his head in the *pottage pot*, this is call'd

a ſextile aſpect, and is indifferent good.

But if St. *James* or the *too ſalt Pithcards* be in the firſt degree of the Catamountain, and that any other of the Planets look upon him like one that hath ſtole a pudding, this is called a *trine aſpect*, and it betokeneth *concord and friendſhip*.

But when one Planet is in the Eaſt, and the other in the Weſt, right ore againſt one another, then are thoſe Planets ſaid to be in oppoſition. This is a *bad aſpect* and betokeneth *ſorrow and tribulation*

But if two Planets ride ſo cloſe together, that one can hear *t'others horſe daſh*, then are they ſaid to be in Conjunction. This aſpect is either good or bad, as the *Aſtrologer* himſelf pleaſes.

Courteous Reader, before you proceed any further, be ſure you get by heart what we have already ſet down; for elſe you will never attain to any perfection in this ſcience as long as you live.

How to erect a Scheme.

Take a ſheet of white paper, and conſider that you are to waſt it as idely as thoſe that

that make *cocks* for children, or cut flowers for *comfit-makers* boxes, then take a pen and ink and draw four lines as A. B. C. D.

Then draw four lines more as E. F. G. H. then draw four lines more as I. K. L. M. Then draw four lines more from A. to E. from B. to F. from D. to H. and from C. to G. And when you have done ſo, then that work will be over.

If you draw theſe lines with red ink, the judgment which you make will be much more certain and effectual. After this, number the inner lines as you ſee in the figure. Then place your Characters in this manner. On the firſt line write *green ſleeves*, on the ſecond write *pudding pyes*, on the third the picture of a *flagellet*, upon the fourth put an *Owles head*, on the fift a *fur cap*, on the ſixt three *whirligigs*, on the ſeventh let there be a pair of *Taylours ſheirs*, on the eight a *dog collar*, on the ninth a *flower-deluce*, on the tenth a *tobaccopipe*, on the eleventh, four tenpeny nails, and upon the twelfe *Cupids bow*. In the ſquare let there be *three blackamores heads*, and in their *foreheads*, let the year, day and hour of the *nativity* be writ, as you ſee in this figure.

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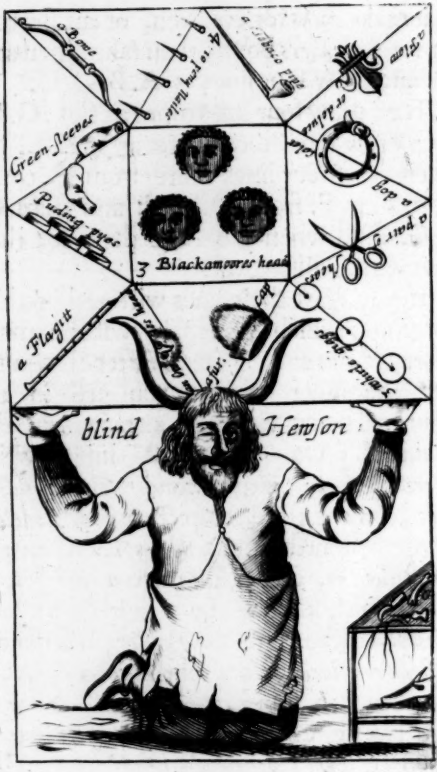
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Upon the Emblem.

YE Countrymen that are ſo ſilly,
As to credit William L.----
Come lay out your Monies here,
Here's your Brave Aſtrologer.
One ey'd Huſon, *who but now*
Made the Citizens to bow.
And with his Aule took ſuch a ſtich,
As quite ſew'd up Poor Londons *breetch;*
Now Friends and Means begin to fade,
Is one of the Star-gazing trade.
Well may he write, who could foreſee
His Bretherens fatal deſtiny;
Whilſt others hanging could not ſhun,
He found away to cozen Dun.
But when he comes, Dun *doth intend*
To make a Rope a Coblers end.

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Of the twelve Houſes.

Now you muſt know that the Aſtrologers have divided the Heaven into twelve equal parts, and theſe parts of Heaven are called Houſes. To theſe places the Aſtrologers trade for *foreknowledge*. And indeed it growes there ſo plentifully that they can go in with their keys and take what they will; elſe they were never able to ſell it ſo cheap, as to parcel out their Revelations like roſt beefe into ſix-peny, or twelfe-peny cuts, according to the ability of the *Quærent*. Therefore curteous Reader that thou mayſt likewiſe have a key too, I have here made thee one, for there is no key will open thoſe gates, but an *Introduction to Aſtrology*.

The firſt of theſe twelve houſes is a very large Houſe, for it begins where the laſt Houſe ends, and it ends where the ſecond Houſe begins, Truly I have heard ſome Men ſay, that it is five times bigger then *Hampton*-Court. In it there is a long Gallery, longer then that in the *Loure*, for it is thirty

thirty times as long as *Aſcaparts* arme; and there *crickets* ſing continually: therefore they ſay it hath ſignification of the life of Man, as alſo of his death. And becauſe that there is an Office of intelligence, there where every Man and Woman is diſcribed and tolled as they toll horſes in *Smithfield*, therefore you may know there the complexion, ſhape, ſtature and proportion of every body in the World. Now Reader if you'l believe this you may, but truly I would not have you, becauſe *I* hardly believe it my ſelf.

But this is not all, for if St. *James*, or St. *Taffy*, be in this houſe, at the time of a Mans asking a queſtion, (moſt ſtrange to tell) that Man ſhall have a ſcar in his face. You may think this a miracle, but yet there is a certain Aſtrologer that ſayes, *he hath found it true in a hundred examples.*

But if the *King of Egypts Daughter*, or *St. Davids Miſtreſs*, which are both white *Planets* be in this Houſe, then there happens another Miracle as ſtrange as the former, for then the party that is born will be pale and wan, and effeminate, and more-

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over at ſuch a time all new ſuits that are made, are white or grey, or nere that colour, and it is a very happy poſition of the Planets, for thoſe that ſell white ſarcenet, and linnen Drapers. Therefore alſo thoſe Virgins that eat oatmeal, chalke, and white wall, are born under theſe Planets, and their ſignifications do deſcend all from this houſe.

The ſecond Houſe is next to the firſt, but it is more convenient then the firſt, by reaſon that it hath a back-ſide belonging to it; now in this back ſide there growes a yew tree, about which a great Maſtiff walks perpetually, howling and ſcraping, as if the Devil were in him, and therefore this houſe portends the good or bad fortune of all ſorts of fourfooted Creatures and fowle. The ſignifications thereof reach to Butchers, Poulterers, Mole catchers, Ratcatchers, Pochers, Lowbellers, Sowgelders, &c. If St. *Taffy* and St. *James* meet together in this houſe, all the calves that are then born will be made veal of, and all cats, hogs, horſes, cocks and bulls then coming to life, will looſe their ſtones; But if St.

Andrew

Andrew and St. *George* are moderately fortifi'd, and in any benevolent aſpect, then the calves that are then born will be preſerved for Bulls and milch cowes. but if St. *James* be placed in this houſe and be Lord thereof, it ſignifies good fortune, and the dogs that are then whelp'd, are like to be in great eſteem with their Ladies, ſuch are *Iſland* Curs, and little Spaniels with long ears.

The *Third houſe* is paved with guilt nutmegs, and the ceelings are of Ambergreece. It ſignifies Kingſhip, ſupport of Commonwealths, and great kindred; The King of *Sweden* was born when St. *George* was in this houſe. But if St. *Andrew* come into this houſe it portends the downfall of all *committees of Safety*.

The hangings which are in this houſe are red and yellow. And therefore St. *Taffy* being in the *Cuſp*, and Lord of the *Aſcendent*, it is good for footmen, Coachmen and fools in playes.

The *Fourth* houſe gives judgment of ſcabbed heads, and green ginger pies; as alſo when it is good to eat tripes, blote herrings,

fried frogs, rotten eggs, and Monkeys tails butter'd, as alſo whether whores be found or no, whether a man ought to crack his nuts or ſwallow them whole, when a Man may lye with another mans wife, but not when another man lyes with his own, for that *the beſt Aſtrologer* could never tell.

This houſe is hung with red bays and guilt leather, and therefore it is very propitious to Aldermen, States Watermen, thoſe that make *Ruſſia* leather chairs, and women that wear red waſtcoats; children alſo that are begot in red beds will enjoy very great benefit from the *ſignifications* of this houſe.

By the fift houſe we judge of Alehouſes, Embaſſadors, Trumpeters, and Women with child, bandſtring-makers, and chimney ſweepers. As alſo when a man ought to go to the houſe of Office; and how many times in a year a man may be drunk, when to go to bed and when to riſe.

Before the door of this houſe, inſtead of two poſts, ſtand two Barbers blocks with powder'd perriwigs on their heads, and blacks band about their necks, ſhewing

ing the colours proper to this houſe which are black and white; ſo that this is a moſt unfortunate houſe, and is only propitious to the Reader of St. *Clements* who buries much, as alſo to Milleners, Bearers, Comfitmakers, ſellers of roſemary and ſweet water.

The *ſixt houſe* concerneth Galliſlaves, Maid-ſervants, Swinheards, Shepheards, Warreners, makers of tinder boxes, Carmen, Cryers of hot Applepies, Vintners, Cardinals, Kennel rakers, Popes, Welſh Itinerant Miniſters, and the Devil and all.

This Houſe rejoyceth in black, and is hung with black velvet and Scutcheory. It is propitious to thoſe that ſhew the tombs, Clerks of pariſhes, and dancing Maſters.

The *ſeventh houſe* giveth judgment of marriages, Wives, quarrels, love queſtions, Duels, as alſo when it will be ſeaſonable for a Man to fire his houſe, when to fee his Lawyer, when to bribe the Judge, when a ſuit in Chancery will be ended, when to play at *In and In*. Where to bring ones hogs to a fair market.

In this Houſe there is much uſe of bow-

pots, and ſparemint growes in glaſſes almoſt in every Window of the Houſe, whence you muſt obſerve that green is the colour of this houſe. Therefore it is very propitious to green-coat-boyes, and women that wear blew Aprons. But if *St. Taffy* be Lord of this houſe, then will it be very convenient for a Man to eat green cheeſe.

This Houſe they ſay is a Maſculine houſe, but why more Maſculine then Feminine, there was never any man in this World yet that could tell.

The *Eighth houſe* gives judgment of Fathers and Children, when a Son may wiſh the death of his Father, and when a man ought to look out after an husband for his daughter, what portion a man ought to give her, how many flitches of bacon ſerves *Leaden-Hall* market every week. It ſhewes you what kind of death a Man ſhall dye of, but more certainly it ſhews you what kind of death a man did dye of, about a weak after his death, who ſhall be a mans next heir, if he have any kindred in the World.

This houſe rules the privie parts, and therefore

therefore those that are born under it are like to prove very Lecherous. This is a Female or she house; now what the difference is between a *He* house and a *She* house, you shall know about a hundred year hence.

This house delights in mouscolour, this house is a very bad house, and it is to be fear'd that if it be not very suddainly repair'd it may fall about a mans ears.

The *ninth house* concernes all those that undertake voyages to *Greenland*, especially in the depth of Winter; those that go on pilgrimage to *Mecca*, and *Jerusalem*. Such also as trade to *Persia* for Demicasters and those that trade into *Presto-Johns* Country for tobacco, thimbles and Martlemas beefe. As also *Jesuites*, *Dominicans* and *French* taylors. The interpretation of dreams and visions also, some say are very proper for this house, but as for that *I* am not so well satisfied, nor shall not be yet these three weaks.

It hath for its colour a brown bay; and is alwayes furnished with good geldings, as there is good reason it should be, being

the houſe where every body that travels comes for directions.

I have heard ſay indeed that it is an Inn, and that St. *Taffy* keeps it, Truly you need not wonder at it, for it is not ſo mean a thing to keep an Inn in the firmament, as to keep an Inn at *Bangor or Mongomery*. Though others do ſay becauſe it ruleth the *Hips, fundament and thighs*, that is a *houſe of Office*, or in more down-right tearms, a *Privie*. I confeſs *I* am in a quandary which of theſe two opinions to chooſe, for that they are both grave and ſerious, and very probable, and *I* ſhould be very unwilling to deceive the reader in a matter of ſo great importance.

The *tenth houſe*, is a brave houſe indeed, and it is thought to be *Ahabs Ivory houſe*, which *Archimedes* with great pains and induſtry did tranſlate into the middle of the ſky.

This concernes none but Kings and Princes, and great Commanders, (for there is a beadle that ſtands alwayes at the door in a blewcoat with a dog whip in his hand to keep away all beggers) It tells you when

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a King hath been at *Tenis* or Pallmall, at the end of the game who hath won or loſt.

It tells you whether a great Duke can live after his head is cut off; by the ſignifications of this houſe a Queen or Dutches ſhall know, if they inquire, the exact ſeaſons for the coming in, and going out of Lobſters and green Peaſe. When you ſee a man at work in his ſhop, whether he be a Spectacle maker, perfumer of gloves, braſier, a maker of ſhuttle cocks, or a knitter of nets to boyle Cabbadge in, you ſhall preſently diſcover what trade they are of.

There are quarter'd in this houſe twelve Regiments of Zwitzers for the guard of the twelve great Potentates of Chriſtendome. They devour every day twelve hundred yoke of Oxen, and twelve millions of bagpuddings. They muſter once in two or three year, and if any Regiment be beaten by the other, though it be but in jeſt, yet that Monarch, of whom they have the guard that are ſo beaten, is ſure to go by the worſt in earneſt here on Earth.

St. *George* and St. *Taffy* are very good and

fortunate Planets, and therefore let no King, Duke or Marqueſs piſs vineger vvhen he hears that his Children are born vvhile they are potted in this houſe.

But if a Tradſeman ſet up vvhile *Saturn* is Lord thereof, he vvill be ſure to ſvvallovv a ſpider, eſpecially if he be given to vvhoring, drinking and gaming, as too many of them are.

This is a *Female houſe*. And the reaſon thereof is becauſe *King Arthur* being one time in a very great rage, called his Wife damn'd Jade.

The Eleventh houſe telleth many ſtrange things; for thereby you ſhall foreknovv the death of my Lord Mayors horſe; it vvill tell you alſo to a hair hovv many moths vvill devour an Aldermans govvn. It tells you by the date of a bond the very exact time vvhen the mony therein ſpecified vvill become due, vvith many other vvonderfull ſtories, vvhich vvould make an exceeding great volume, but let them make a volume thereof that vvill, for my part I vvill not trouble my head about it.

This houſe hath a very propitious influence

fluence, and is very fortunate to younge boyes that are given to play at *chuck farthing*. St. *Taffy* alſo rejoyces much in this houſe, and while he is there, he hath no other buſineſs in the World to do, but to keep children that play at *Scotch hoppers* from breaking their legs, and to preſerve 'um from the wand, when they play in the Church.

This is a Maſculine houſe, and the Eſſential cauſe thereof is, by reaſon that my neighbours little boy piſs'd a bed the other night, and moiſtened the nurſes ſmock up to her elbow.

The twelfe houſe is haunted, and therefore it hath the ſignification of witches and ſorcery. In this Houſe the carcaſſes of the witch of *Endor*, and ſhe that enchanted St. *George*, being kept in two leaden Coffins of 1000l. weight a piece hang up againſt the wall like two baſe Vials upon tenter hooks no bigger then treble Virginal wire, therefore by the ſignification of this houſe, and the help of the bill of mortality we know how many people dye in *London* every weak. This houſe hath not been

been much in requeſt ſince *Popery and Knight Erranty* have been out of faſhion. And ſome people bolder then ordinary have not ſtuck to ſay there is no ſuch *Houſe*, for my part I know not, neither do I much care. Some altogether ſcrupling the whole frame of this conceited ſtructure, have asked why they did not make twelve ſcore *Houſes*, as well as twelve: but to this, I have received a very ſatisfactory Anſwer, for I am inform'd that the Aſtrologicall Carpenters were, in the Protectours time, about to have made twelve ſcore Houſes, but that they were deterr'd from their entepriſe by his *act* againſt new buildings. Though 'tis thought his Son would have let them proceed; for they made him a promiſe to tranſlate his Herſe out of the Abbey into the ſky, and to put it there in the place of the ſhip *Argos*; but thoſe that kept it ſmelling the deſign, watch'd it night and day, and would not let it go for fear of loſing the Velvet. Beſides, Madam *Aſtrea* thought it not convenient that the Heavens ſhould be poſſeſs'd of other mens goods before they were paid for on Earth.

Of

Of the Planet of St. James *and his ſignification.*

St. *James* as we told ye before, is the firſt of all the Planets, and he is placed the upper moſt of them all; when he was upon Earth, he was a very groſs feeder, for he eat nothing but old Ling, ſalt pilchards and holland cheeſe, which ſort of dyet becauſe he never was wont to purge his liver, engender'd in him a very thick and aduſt blood; Beſides this, in his younger dayes he fell in love with one of his mothers kitchin maids, for whoſe ſake he continued dumb ſeven years, the denyal of whoſe affection at length ſo encreas'd a melancholy diſtemper in him, that he could not forget it when he came to be made a *Planet*, which cauſes his influence, to be very fortunate, and the men whoſe nativities he governs to be the moſt jovial companions in the whole World.

He is of a cleer, dark, dull, ſanguine complexion; He marches about the ſkie very ſlowly, by reaſon of certain cornes he hath upon his toes. He

He is a Diurnal Maſculine Planet; though *Laurentius Boninconti*, ſaith that he was gelt by a certain Giant, with whom he fought; how he came to know that, I know not, but if he were, certainly he cannot be ſo maſculine a Planet as men take him to be. But let him be gelt or not gelt he is the ſignifier of envy, melancholy, covetouſneſs, ſluggiſhneſs, diſſimulation, lying, malice and ingratitude.

Now being thus qualifi'd, thoſe that are born while he is aſcendent, are of an avrie ſanguine conſtitution, they are jolly, liberal, nimble, active, open and freehearted, vertuous and charitable.

He ſignifies a clear skin, a pure lovely complexion, the Stature more ſhort, the hair light brown, or near a dark flaxen.

He ſignifies alſo as to profeſſions, Senators, Biſhops, Prieſts, Cardinals, Scholars, woollen drapers, Muſitians, Clothiers, and Hectors.

He loves ſweet ſmels, and therefore he alwayes powders his hair and wears geſſimine gloves.

His cloaths are alwayes of the lighteſt colours

colours that can be dy'd, as blew, pink, white and Aurora colour, and he wears them ever after the French faſhion, with halfe ſhirts and open ſleeves, and Flanders lace bands, but who his Landreſs is, or what he gives a weak, is a myſtery which I am ſworn not to reveal.

He hath a noſegay in his hand (for the Planets all love noſegayes) as big as three Hoſtlers brooms. Now this noſegay is compos'd of Tulips, Rubarb, Saffron, Pimpernel, Borage and Bugloſs, Violets, Flax, Arſmart, Pionies, Liquoriſh, &c. And a great many others, which tis not a pin matter for naming, they are bound together with a cable well pitch'd and tarr'd.

He is a great lover of mulberies, and the reaſon is becauſe his Miſtreſs was chang'd into a mulbery tree, goosberies, ſtrawberies, Manna, figs, Aſhkeys, Capers, Currants, Raſins and Liverwort; for though I ſaid before, that he did not purge his blood, now I ſay again he does purge his blood.

In his park (for I ſhould have told you before, but that I forgot it, that to the 12 houſes

Houſes there belong twelve parks) *I* ſay in in his park he keeps Stags, Dragons, Oxen, Sheep, Tygers, and Unicorns.

His houſes are hung about with bird cages, as I ſhould have told ye before, but tis no great matter as long as I tell ye now. In theſe bird cages he keeps Storkes, Snipes, Eagles, Bees, Pheaſants and Peacocks, and he hath a Larke that ſings to the Organ.

In his Fiſh ponds he hath Whales, Serpents, Dolphins and Grigs.

He is a great lover of Saphires, Emralds, Tin and red Oaker.

He governs *Italy*, *Spain*, *Greenland*, *Perſia*, and is a great Careſſer of the Knights of *Malta*, *Belſwagger* is his Guardian Angel.

Jupiter or St. *Denis*

Is the next Planet to *St. James*. He is a Maſculine Planet, airy, Sanguine, the greater fortune, Author of all mirth and glee, as *Hopkins* the Aſtrologer doth averr, and cauſer of Modeſty, Sobriety and

and Juſtice. Liberal, free ſpirited and open hearted.

Therefore men whoſe nativities are rul'd by him, are envious, covetous, miſtruſtfull, ſtubborn, malicious, unjuſt, immodeſt, melancholy, and void of all good. Moſt of thoſe men that are hang'd at *Tiburn* are born under this Planet.

He ſignifies Husbandmen, Clowns, Beggars, Grandfathers, Monks, Jeſuits, and Quakers.

As to profeſſions he ruleth over Curriers, thoſe that empty privie houſes by night, Colliers, Broom-men, Plummers, Chimney ſweepers, Sextons, Chandlers, Dyers of black cloath, Bearers, Hoſtlers and Scavengers.

The diſeaſes which he is ſubject to are by reaſon of the exact purity and temper of his ſpirits, all melancholy diſtempers, black jaundies, and Conſumptions.

He loves ſower, bitter and ſharp taſts and ſmels. He alwayes carries a noſegay too, made of Woolf-bane, Henbane, Hemlock, black Helebore, Mandrakes, Poppy, Night-ſhade, Ferne and Burdock.

For

For trees and plants he is much pleas'd with Tamarisk, Willowes, Cypress, Yew, Rue, Sene and Hemp, for when he was on Earth, he used to lye under those trees when he made sonnets to his Mistress, and one time he had like to have hang'd himself.

In his park he keeps Cats, Mice, Elephants, Bears, Basilisks, Toads and Asses.

In his fish ponds he hath nothing but Lobsters, Crafish, and Tortoisses.

In his Aviary he keeps Bats, Owles, Gnats, Grashoppers and Ostriches.

As for minerals he is mightily pleas'd with Lead, and delights in any dust and rubbidge.

He governes *Tartary*, the Cossacks, *Scotland*, *Denmarke*, and some places beyond the Streights of *Magellan*.

His Guardian Angel is the soul of *Thomas Cireat*, when he dy'd he was carried through the Air by two gryphons, in an Ebon chariot to the place where now he is. Who made him a Planet, tis no great matter to tell ye; I do believe ye may dye with a safe conscience, though you never do know.

St.

St. Taffy

Is the third in order, he was a fierce Gentleman when he was on Earth: For he ſlew the Count *Palatine* of *Tartary*, and then he ſlept ſeven years in the enchanted Gardine of *Ormandine*.

Now when he was on Earth, he was a very fierce outragious Man, and very cholerick with eating toſted cheeſe, ſo he is now a very fierce Planet, and therefore thoſe that are born under him are very meek, patient and long ſuffering.

You may know this Planet from any of the five leſſer, by the rayes which he ſcatters from him more then any of the reſt, which are nothing elſe but the long ſtrings at the root of the leek which he wears in his hat.

He ruleth the Nativities of Muſitians, Gameſters, Silkmen, Painters, Women-taylors, Wives, Mothers, Virgins, Balladſingers, Sempſters, Upholdſters, dreſſers of Heads, and Miſtreſſes of Boarding Schools.

He carries a noſegay made of Cuckow pintle, Ladies mantle, maiden hair and violets, bound together with blew tape.

He hath in his park the coney, the calfe, and the goar.

In his aviary the ſparrow, the wren, the Nightingal, the Pellican and the Partridge, and he hath a black bird in one of his chambers that ſings *Walſingham*; for living a Sedentary coblers life, he hath little to do, but to teach magpies to prattle, and ſtares to whiſtle.

He is mightily addicted to bride-chambers, fair lodgings and dancing ſchools.

In his Kitchin he uſes braſs, and latin ware altogether, which makes him very propitious to men that ſell thoſe things.

He wears upon his fingers Cornelian rings, Margaſites and Berills, and he dreſſes his head like a Woman with coifes and pinners, though in the ſummer he goes in his hair.

Now that we may not be guilty of ſeparating Man and Wife, we muſt take the Sun or St. *George* a peg lower, and put St. *Taffie's* Miſtreſs up in his room. The ſto-

ry

ry of the ſeven Champions, ſaith ſhe was a profeſſed Nun, But *Cornelius Agrippa* in his occult Phyloſophy, ſaith ſhe was a profeſſed whore; which is not unlikely.

She is a Maſculine Planet, and being once a Virago, but very mild, covetous, and valianter then was ever *Mol Cutpurſe*, ſhe retains the ſame qualities, now ſhe is a Planet. So that thoſe perſons whoſe Nativities ſhe governes will be great fighters, raſh, blood-thirſty, inhumane, and in relation to her as ſhe was a whore, treacherous, unthankfull and obſcene.

She ſignifies all manner of Souldiers, Apothecaries, Chirurgians, Alchimiſts, *Hoſier Lane* Tapſters, Butchers, Cutlers, Barbers, Smiths, Tanners, Merchants, Prentices, and Ins a Court Gentlemen; for with all theſe ſhe us'd to trade upon Earth, and ſhe cannot now forget how much ſhe was then beholding to them.

She is much addicted to red and flame colours, and ſhe wears doublets and halfe ſhirts like the Queen of *Sweden*.

The noſegayes that ſhe delights in are

made of nettles which she often uses to piss upon to make her waspish.

Thistles, Brambles, Devils Milk, Onions, Leeks, Horehound and Hemlock.

The beasts that she delights in are Panthers, Tygres, and Mastiffs, for she is a great lover of Bulbaiting.

In her aviaries she keeps Valters, Flies, Lapwings, Cockatrices, Cormorants, Kites and Ravens.

She is a great frequenter of Slaughter houses, Furnaces, Smithshops and Brickkills.

She governes *Flanders*, *Millain*, *England*, *Turky*, *Gothland*, and all the quarrelsome Nations in the World.

Her Guardian Angell is the *Pinner* of *Wakefield*.

St. Andrew.

Is next to this, Now when I tell you he was a *Scotchman*, I hope you need not enquire what qualities he had. For he was the son of a whore and a Lyer, to which you may add an excellent gift which he had in lying and treachery. Yet he was a good witty

witty fellow, and in his later dayes repented that he had been ſuch a Coxcombe as to be a Knight Errant. However he came to a skirvy end, God bleſs every honeſt Man from the like, though it were to gain the Honour of being a Planet.

He ſignifies Aſtrologers, States-men, Secretaries, Scriveners, Stationers, Attorneys, Emperors, Embaſſadors, Thieves, Sectaries, Taylors, Footmen and Uſurers.

In his Aviary he keeps Parrots, Swallowes, Piſmires and Cranes.

In his Park, Apes, Foxes, Squirrells and Hermaphrodites.

He is a mighty haunter of Seſſions Houſes, Bowlling alleys, Ordinaries, Tennis Courts, Markets and Fairs.

He delights to walk in the nights, and in ſtormy and boyſtrous weather.

He rules in *Scotland*, *Egypt*, *Flanders and Paris*.

His Angel is the ſoul of *Hannam*.

The ſixth Planet is St. *George*, otherwiſe called *Apollo*, for they were both killers of Dragons. To tell you the Vertues of this

Planet, is to as much purpoſe, as if a Man ſhould go to piſs out the Moon, all the World knowes 'um. For who is ignorant hat the ſun is the cauſe of Winter and Summer, ſpring an Autumn; that in ſummer he cauſes Men to be hot, in winter to be a cold; That his preſence maketh day, that his abſence cauſeth night; that this heat of his cauſeth men to be rampant, and Women to cuckold their husbands, for that without his influence nothing here on Earth could be able to engender. His other qualities are called *hidden*, and tis thought they are ſo hidden, that all the World will never be able to find 'um.

He ſignifies Gentlemen, Deputy Lieutenants, Stewards of Noblemens Houſes, Dunghilrakers, Scotch Merchants, Braſiers, Copperſmiths, Coyners of mony, whether true or counterfeit.

He delights in Marigolds, Eyebright, Piony, Barley, Arſnick, and *Lignum* Aloes.

In his Park he keeps Lyons, Horſes, Bulls, and Glowormes.

In his ponds, ſea calves, crabfiſh, and minnews. He

He ſhines over all parts of the World, even from the Eaſt unto the Weſt.

His Guardian Angel is *Jone of Arque.*

Juſt under him is *Sabra*, the King of *Ægypts* Daughter, She is a Feminine Planet, and St. *Georges* or the Suns Miſtreſs. The King of *Morocco* got her from him and made him a cuckold: but becauſe ſhe lov'd St. *George* very well, rather then ſhe would have him diſgrac't, ſhe rather choſe to wear the hornes herſelf.

She ſignifies Alewives, Queens, Counteſſes, Brewers, Fiſhwives, Midwives, Nurſes, Malſters, Drunkards, Tripewomen, Oyſterwives, cryers of Orenges and blotcherrings, Whores and Bauds.

She is a great lover of Pompions, Cabbage, and Coleworts, green Cheeſe, Otemeal, Chalk and White wall.

In her Aviaries ſhe keeps Cuckowes and Geeſe.

In her Park, Weeſels, Snayles, Otters, and Frogs.

In her fiſhponds, Oyſters, Cockles and Gudgeons.

She rules, as Men ſay over the ſea, and is the cauſe of the ebbing and flowing of the ſea, but we dare not affirm it, for it is more then *Ariſtotle* himſelf knew.

She is very coveteous, and is a great admirer of ſilver.

She and St. *George* hoard up all the gold and ſilver, ſo that the reſt of the Planets are fain to uſe braſs mony like the Duke of *Muſcovy*.

Her Guardian Angel is *Mark Antony*.

As for the *Dragons head and tail*, though I confeſs I did ſay there were ſuch things before, yet having now better conſidered on't, I begin to doubt it very much; for my part I wonder how the Dragon ſhould come there; I do not believe St. *George* or his Lady wou'd take the pains to carry him thither, for truly I think 'twas very well, they got thither themſelves.

If any Man will be ſo hardy as to believe it he may, but let me tell 'um, if Pope *Zachary* were alive 'twere very dangerous, for he excommunicated *Virgilius*, only for believing there were *Antipodes*. Reader, take heed and look before ye leap,

leap, and if any ill come of it, say you were fairly admoniſh'd.

Another deſcription of the ſhapes of the Planets.

St. *James* having all the qualities attributed to *Saturn*, is a perfect Jovialiſt, He is full fac'd, full ey'd, his beard of a ſandy flaxen colour. He hath two broad teeth, call'd *butter teeth*, before, and they are ſomething foul for want of rubbing, his hair when he was younge curl'd, but ſince it came of with the pox, and he wears a perriwig, he is indifferent well deſcended.

He beareth *Azure, on a Cheveron, Argent three pitchforks Rampant, Or*, for in thoſe dayes falſe Heraldry was not much regarded, as you may ſee by the coat of *Godfrey* of *Boleigne*, who came not far behind them.

St. *Denis* whom they pretend to be a Jovialiſt, is a black pale fellow; he is lean, crooked,

crooked, beetle brow'd, with a thin whey beard, as he walkes he hits one leg againſt another; he is a great eater, and in fine a very nafty ſlovenly knave. He beareth murrey, three Childernes rattles Argent in bend.

St. *Taffy*, who they ſay is a very great warriour, is a very effeminate fellow, he hath a handſom face, a good tool, and is a great Courtier of Ladies. He beareth *Azure charg'd with three Catskin muffs, black and grey.*

His wife *Lucina* or *Venus* is a damn'd ſtrapping jade, bold, and audacious, ſhe games all day, and playes the whore all night; and ſcolds like a butter quean.

St. *George* is a ſanguine blade, covetous of fame, a great Traveller, he hath a clear voice, and ſings well to the Lute. He is very Laſcivious and inclinable to many vices. He beareth *Gules a burning peſtle in bend, Or.*

St. *Andrew* hath a thin noſe, and a ſpade beard, a very quarrelſome lying, ſubtle, cowardly fellow, ſpindle ſhank'd, and pragmatical. He is given to ſteal,

and

and playes upon the Lyra Violl, as well as moſt Barbers about the town. He beareth *Vert, four Hercules clubs, Argent in ban.*

Sabra was much ſuch another woman as *Betty Baly*, but not altogether ſo handſome, a kind of mudling creature, ſhe takes tobacco, and eats chalke, ſhe is very pale and ſqueamiſh by reaſon of certain oppilations in her lower parts. For her religion ſhe is a Turk; and ſhe lay with *Endimion* upon *Latmos* hill, three thouſand years before ſhe was born.

Of the Eſſentiall dignities of the Planets.

The exact way of Judicature in Aſtrology is firſt; by knowing the things that are asked before hand.

Secondly, by knowing the ſtrength and weakneſs of the Planets; and

Thirdly, by knowing the right poſition of the heaven at the time of the queſtion.

As to knowing things before hand, I confeſs

confeſſe tis a good ſure way; As for example: if a man come to aske a queſtion of an Aſtrologer, as ſoon as the ſaid perſon hath atchiev'd his deſire, he may then tell the perſon whether it will come to paſſe or no.

But as for the dignities of the Planets it requires a little attention to underſtand them. Now a Planet is ſaid to be ſtrong when it is not weak; that is to ſay, when it is not feeble, or to ſpeak more properly when it doth not want ſtrength; now as St. *James* is none of the ſtrongeſt Planets, ſo he is none of the weakeſt, for he is able to knock down three *Goliah's* with a knitting needle. Tis true he was once conquerred, and had like to have been ſhot to death by the maides at *Jeruſalem*; which hath made him loſe ſome of his dignity, and cauſed a blot in his ſcutcheon, however he is an indifferent good Gentleman, and well deſcended; for his Father was a dreſſer of Cordovan Leather in *Sevill.*

St. *Denis* in dignity goes before him, becauſe he enter'd firſt into the Liſts at the

Grecian

Grecian Emperors Court; and he had an Iron grey horſe, grac'd with a ſpangled plume of feathers; which I take to be a very good reaſon; and *Abraham Rockenbach*, ſwears tis the beſt reaſon that he ever heard in his life.

St. *Taffy* is alſo a very worthy Gentleman and Planet, but he is in his exaltation belowe the former by many degrees; for he when he was to have fought with *Ormondine* fell a ſleep, and was by him kept in chains till St. *George* reliev'd him out of his captivity. He came of a good houſe, and therefore there is much dignity due to him, for his Father was a button maker in *Aberuſtwith*, who derived his Pedigree from *Anack*.

But as for St. *Andrew* he ought to be in a greater exaltation then any of them all; becauſe the Emperour of *Greece* gave him a gantlet which coſt a thouſand *Portagues*, for his wonderfull atchievements.

But above all St. *George* is the moſt dignified Planet, for he kill'd the Dragon, and when the other Champions were almoſt famiſh'd in a wood he came and killed

ded a Giant, and roaſted him upon his ſword, and gave him them to eat; and indeed who doth not ſee that St. *George* or the Sun is the brighteſt Planet of them all? Truely I hope there is no need of proſpectiue Glaſſes to perceive it; if there be any one ſo purblind, let him eat raw eggs and powder of eyebright for three years, and then look again.

Next to St. *George* *Sabra* ſhines brighteſt and is to be reſpected and honoured above any of the other planets, for her husbands ſake, and alſo becauſe ſhe lights gentlemen home from the Tavern a nights.

Neither is *Lucina* to be contemned, for though ſhe be not ſo bright as *Sabra*, yet all the ſtarrs give place to her, and ſhe appears firſt in the Sky, aſſoon as the Sun begins to ſet.

What exaltation, Treplicitie, Terme or Face are, we ſhall tell in due time, that is to ſay, when we have nothing elſe to do. For though they be very neceſſary in this art to be known, yet ſince 'tis no treaſon to let them alone, I know no reaſon why we may not be left to our Liberty.

A Table of the Essential dignities of the Planets according to Ptolomy.

Essential Dignities.	*Termes.*
St. *James* worth *per an.* 1200 l. 11 s. 3 d	St. *James*, *Michaelmas.*
St. *Denis* worth *per an.* 801000 l. 5 s. 6 d.	St. *Denis*, *Easter.*
St. *Taffy* worth *per an.* 1700000 l. 2s. 4 d.	St. *Taffy*, *Easter* and *Trinity.*
St. *George* worth *per an.* 1000000 l. 1s. 5d.	St. *George*, *Midsummer*, or *Trinity*, *Michaelmas*, *Hillary* and *Easter.*
St. *Andrew* worth *per an.* 1500 l. 3 s. 1 d.	St. *Andrew*, *Michaelmas* and *Easter.*
Lucina hath in joynture 5000 l. 0. 0.	St. *Lucy* or *Lucina*, *Easter.*
Sabra hath in joynture 130001. 8s. 10d.	*Sabra*, *Michaelmas*, *Easter* and *Hillary.*
Beside a necklace of pearle, valued at 300 l.	

Paces

Faces.

St. James.

St. Denis.

St. Taffy.

St. George.

St. Andrew

Lucina.

Sabra.

Reader, having brought you thus far, I have brought you a great way; but you'l ſay what are we the wiſer for all this that you have ſaid; why, to this I anſwer, that

I never intended you ſhould: neither did any Aſtrologer ever intend that any man ſhould be a pin the better for any introduction that ever was made. Yet give me leave to tell ye, I'le make you know as much as can be, as you ſhall ſee by theſe following queſtions.

Aſtrological queſtions.

Many Men and Women are deſirous to know whether they ſhall live long or no; whether any ſickneſſe be neer them, and what part of their lives ſhall be moſt happy.

Now if thou wouldſt know whether thou ſhalt live long or no, examine the conſtitution of thy body, and if thou findeſt thy ſelf to be of a ſound conſtitution, if thy blood be not in combuſtion, by reaſon of the heat of a feaver; if quarrain Agues be not in conjunction with conſumptions; if the plague, nor any other mortal diſeaſe do not ſnatch thee away before

thou art fourſcore and ten years of age; If thou keepeſt thy ſelf free from the pox, if thy brains be not knockt out for quarrelling in Tavernes and gaming Houſes, and laſtly, if thou doſt not drink thy ſelf to death. Then may any Aſtrologer give a ſhrewd gueſs, eſpecially if the Lord of the Querents Aſcendent, be not afflicted with the *pip* upon his tongue; for if he be ſo, I cannot tell what to ſay to't, nor no body elſe that *I* am acquainted withall.

However if the Querent be dangerouſly ſick, *I* would not have an Aſtrologer to pronounce death raſhly; for that ſometimes many Men and Women that are given over by the Phyſitians, do afterward recover; now if an Aſtrologer ſhould ſay the party ſhould dye, and that it ſhould happen that he or ſhe ſhould recover, it would be a very great blemiſh to his Art.

The queſtion is demanded whether a young lady ſhall marry ſuch a perſon or no.

Firſt make ſuch a figure as you think fitting, and look upon it well, but mind it not at all, and laugh in your ſleeve at thoſe that admire at it. Now

Now to order your Anſwer to this queſtion right, there muſt come before hand a certain Gentleman unto thee, who muſt tell thee of his great affection to a certain Lady, afterwards he muſt give thee a good ſumme of money, and thou muſt promiſe to help her to him. Then let the Gentleman go to the maid that waits upon this Lady, and corrupt her with halfe crownes, that ſhe may adviſe her Miſtreſs to conſult with the Stars whom ſhe ſhould marry. When the Lady comes, and demands the queſtion what kind of Perſon ſhe ſhall marry; Then look upon your ſaid figure, and tell her who is Lord of the Aſcendent, and to what houſe the Lord of the Aſcendent applies himſelf, and when you have repeated to her abundance of hard names, and made her believe a thouſand ſtrange ſtories, then bid her go to ſuch a place, where you have appointed the Gentleman before to wait for her coming, and tell her ſhe ſhall there find ſuch a perſon of ſuch a hair, ſuch a Stature, and in ſuch apparell, bid her look on him well, for

the next day he will come to her, and ask her the queſtion; bid her not deny him, for he is the perſon that the Stars have ordained for her Husband; This is a very certain way, and indeed the only way to reſolve the ſaid demand.

At what time a Man ſhall live moſt happy.

when St. *George* is Lord of this Aſcendent, and thou art Lord of a Stately Manor Houſe, with a thouſand pound *per annum* belonging to it, and haſt ſtore of money in thy purſe, ſo that thou art able to keep thy Coach and two or three ſtout geldings, to eat of the beſt, and drink of the beſt, when thou haſt a rich wife and a handſome, with a ſufficient number of Servants, whereas before thou wert fain to live in a mean condition, and wert not worth a groat, I ſay when the bleſſings before rehearſed fall to thy lot, whether acquir'd by thy own induſtry, or whether they come into thy poſſeſſion by the death of any friend, that part of thy life will

will without all contradiction be the moſt happy and full of content, and thy Stars muſt at that time be very propitious to thee.

To know whether a Man ſhall ſpeak with the party he goes to enquire for.

When a Man hath an occaſion to ſpeak with any perſon whether it be about buſineſs, or only to ask him how he does; and comes to an Aſtrologer to know whether he ſhall ſpeak with the party he goes to enquire for; Let the Artiſt erect his Scheame; Then let him bid the Querent go to the parties Houſe, and if the door be ſhut, let him knock with the hammer, but if there be none his heel will do that office well enough; when the maid or Man comes to the door, bid the Querent inquire if the party be within; if he be not, he will hardly have his deſire that time, for that then the *Significate* is in a *Cadent* Houſe, and the party he goes to

ſpeak with is at the Alehouſe, or elſe at the Tavern: but if the party be within, and comes down to him, ſo that he both ſees him and talkes with him, then ſhall he attain his wiſh; for that then the *Lord* of the *ſeventh Houſe* is in one of the four *Angels*.

Whether one abſent be dead or alive.

If the Querent hath a friend in any far diſtant Country, and deſire to know whether he be dead or alive, let him ſtay till he either come home again, or till he receive a letter from him; for if he come home again, and that the ſaid Querent, ſee his friend walk, and hears him talk, and if after he hath ask'd him how he does, he replies that he is in good health, though if he ſwear to it, 'twill be much better, then he may be ſure his friend is not dead but living: but if he do not come home, and that any body comes from him, or ſends a letter to the Querent, aſcertaining him

him that his ſaid Friend is dead, and that he laid him in his grave, 'tis moſt probable that he is dead, and the Querent may believe it if he pleaſes, and take out letters of Adminiſtration, if he will not, he may let it alone. Though *I* would not wiſh him to be refractory, becauſe there is a tranſlation of the light of the Lord of the *Aſcendent* from the Lord of the eighth in *deep degrees.*

A Country Woman demanded of me if her Son where with his Maſter or at her own houſe.

I told Her *I* could not tell, and ſhe went away as well ſatisfied as ever ſhe was in her life; and *I* got my halfe crown, and *I* was as well ſatisfied as ſhe.

A thing ſuddainly happening, whether good or ill.

If a Man walking in the ſtreets, and on

a ſuddain chance to caſt his eye upon the ground, and find a twenty ſhillings piece, a man may ſafely judge this to be a very good fortune. For St. *Taffies* Miſtreſs is here moſt powerfull in the Aſcendent, and the fifth houſe is here, and ſhe hath a *Terme* or leaſe therein for one and twenty years. But if a Man riding upon a fierce horſe, ſhould chance to fall, and break his neck, or bruiſe one of his ribs, we may on the other ſide ſafely judge this to be a very bad event. For that St. *George* being Lord of the houſe wherein he was at that time, got ſo drunk that night, that he could not diſpoſe of his influence, nor look after the affairs of this World as he ſhould have done.

Of ſhips at Sea, whether in ſafety or deſtruction.

If any Merchant have ſet forth a Ship to Sea, and deſire to know wither ſhe be ſafe or no. Let him go to an Aſtrologer, and give

give him a crown, if he think that too much, let him give him three ſilver peny's, though if you ſhould offer him braſs farthings, *I* do not believe the Stars will be much offended. Then ſhall the ſaid Merchant ſee the Man of Art make ſuch a company of Scraules, that his heart will leap within him for joy.

When he hath heard what the Aſtrologer either can or will ſay, let him go home and tarry with a patient mind till he hear from his correſpondent abroad; for if he give him certain intelligence that his ſhip is ſafely arrived at the port whither it was bound, then he may be confident that his ſhip and all things in her are in a condition anſwerable to his wiſh; therefore let him call his friends about him, and go with them to the Tavern, and eat Capon, and drink good ſack, and give God thanks that the *ſign* aſcending, and Queen *Sabra* are *ſignificators* of the ſhip, and Lord of the Aſcendent of thoſe that ſail in her. But if it ſo come to paſs that he have certain intelligence that his ſhip is either loſt by ſtorme, or taken by Pyrates, then let

him go into *Moresields*, and walke there in a disconsolate posture for three hours, and bewail his misfortune, and curse Queen *Sabra's* ill *configuration* with the *Lord* of the *Eighth*.

Whither a Woman be with child with a Boy or a Girle.

If a Man would know whither his wife be with child of a boy or a girle, let him take her and strip her stark naked, and lay her flat upon her back upon a long table, as you see the picture of an Anatomy laid in a Chirurgions sign, when he hath done so, let him take a sharp knife, though some of the Ancients have been of opinien that a razor would be better; with this instrument let him cut open her belly, and view well the birth, which is in her womb. If the child have a cock, he may be sure tis a boy; if not tis a girle, when he is throughly satisfi'd, which *Severinus Longomontanus* in his Danish Astronomy saith, he may very well be, after he hath continued looking for four and twenty hours together; though

though *Jacob Scholl* would have a Man to call his Neighbours, and tell them ſo too, that they might be able to witneſs the truth, if occaſion ſhould be; then for fear his wife ſhould catch any harme, let him ſow up her belly again with three or four needles full of blew ſilk, which is thought to be a colour that matches beſt with the veins of the body. This is a way which never fails.

To know whether the Querent ſhall be Rich or no.

If a Tradeſman that hath a ſmal ſtock to begin withall in the World, would know whither he ſhall increaſe it or no. Let him go to an Aſtrologer and tell him his mind. Then let the Aſtrologer ask him theſe queſtions followings. Firſt, whether he be a good husband. Secondly, whether he have skill in his trade. Thirdly, whether he have good cuſtomers. Fourthly, whether he be not guilty of truſting too much. Fiftly, whether he lay up thrice as much at the weeks end, as he ſpends, his debts

being all paid. Sixthly, what ſtore of commodities he vents in a year. Seventhly, whether his wife be as ſaving as himſelf. Eighthly, whether he keep cloſe to the City cuſtome of letting his Prentices eat nothing but twopenny Applepies on *Friday* nights. Ninthly whether he ever had any loſſes or no. If the Querent anſwer that he never had any loſſes, but that he ſtill thriv'd and laid up ſtore of mony every year, tis a thouſand pound to a penny but that in proceſs time he may grow very rich, and be able to keep a Country houſe at *Putney*. But if the Querent make confeſſion that he is a ſpent rift, a frequent viſitor of gaming Houſes, and a rejoycer at the ſound of ninepins, if he keep a whore and a brace of geldings, beyond the ſtrength of his purſe, if he have the art of being bound for other men, and paying their debts, or a faculty to let others cheat him of his Eſtate, then ſaith *Allabitius, O Aſtrologer, whoere thou art, doubt not to prognoſticate the ruine of that perſon, for it will certainly come to paſs, and a Man may foreſee it, as well as a Hog ſmells windy weather.*

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